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# Interpretive

## Pokagon State Park

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## Programs

## And Other Park Events!

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**March/April, 2007**

### Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn. Too wet and soggy to go outside? Then the craft room has all the fun you need! Whether you just want a simple bracelet to take back to the room, or something a little more complex, we have it. Drop on by or check the activities schedule by the main desk and start planning a fun filled day!



*Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...*

*Programs designed to entertain and educate folks of all ages.*

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[www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)*

#### Saturday March 3

- 10:30am **Makin' Tracks!** Could be snow!... Could be mud!... In any event we'll first meet in the Nature Center Auditorium to talk about animal tracks in general, then bundle up and head outside to see what we can find! DH
- 2:00pm **Helping Non-Game Wildlife.** Meet at the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on ways in which you can help out our non-game and endangered animals. With the tax deadline approaching, now's the time to be thinking about our local wildlife. FW

#### Sunday March 4

- 8:30am **In Like a Lion or Lamb Walk.** Following the old adage, will March come in like a lion or lamb? Find out during our traditional Sunday morning walk. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours and meet on the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for an hour or a little more. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of amazement! DH



#### Saturday March 10

- 11:00am **Bluebird Time!** Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium for just a very short talk. Then we'll head outside to a couple of nearby sites where we ought to encounter a bluebird or two setting up territory for the upcoming year. Bring binoculars if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours. BB

#### Sunday March 11

##### Daylight Savings Starts Today

- 8:30am **Birding Before the Thaw.** Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet in the Inn hallway by the coffee machine. We'll bundle up and head outside for a search of waterfowl and any other birds that come our way on this late winter morning. Join us! BB

#### Saturday March 17

**Nature Center Open today from 10am to 5pm.**

#### Sunday March 18

- 8:30am **Return of the Red-wings!** See Sunday, March 11, for details. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of amazement! DH



### April Programs on the Back!

**Nature Center School Season Hours:**

**1:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday to Friday**

**Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays through mid-March**

**10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Weekends & Holidays**



# Interpretive Programs and other park events... cont'd

## Saturday March 24

- 10:30am **First Spring Weekend Walk!** Gather at the Nature Center Front Deck for the first official Pokagon walk of the spring time! We'll investigate the awakening woodlands on Trail 1 and other habitats along the way. Join us! DH
- 3:00pm **Skunk Cabbage Search.** Meet at the Potawatomi Main Entrance for a search for the first spring flower... the skunk cabbage! We'll trek into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve, along Lake Lonidaw, and back. DH

## Sunday March 25

- 8:30am **March Marsh Madness!** Join us for a morning of March Marsh Madness as we head down the county road marsh in search of the first spring birds setting up territory in the wetlands of Pokagon. Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours. Meet on the Inn Sun Deck. BB

## Saturday March 31

- 9:00am **Out Like A Lion or Lamb Walk.** Will it go out like a lion or lamb?! Join us on this final March hike. We'll meet at the Potawatomi Inn Main Entrance and enjoy a nice jaunt on Trail 6. We'll be out for 1 1/2 hours. FW



## Sunday April 1

- 8:00am **Prehistoric Bird Search- An April Fool's Special!** Meet the Interpreter for an hour fresh air jaunt searching for the REAL prehistoric birds of Pokagon. What bird is that?! Meet the Interpreter at the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck to find out. Bring binoculars if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours. BB

## Saturday April 7

- 2:00pm **Vernal Pond Patrol.** A nice walk down into the Nature Preserve and over much of Trail 6. We'll search the temporary spring ponds along the way for songs of frogs, salamanders, and other forms of life. We'll be out for about 1-1/2 hours. Meet at the Potawatomi Inn Main Entrance. FW
- 8:00pm **In Search of the Elusive Bogsucker!** A what! That's right, we're in search of our local bog suckers, timberdoodles, and wood snipe! Join the naturalist for an evening adventure in search of this real bird with the upside down head! Still confused... just google it and join us to find them! We'll meet at the Nature Center Parking lot and prepare for a short car pool if needed to find this crazy bird. BB

## Sunday April 8

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander.** Bring binoculars if you have some or borrow a pair of ours and meet on the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for an hour or a little more, as we search for some of the early migrating birds that may be in the area. FW

## Saturday April 14

- 9:00am **Tax Time Trek!** You got your taxes done, now treat yourself to an almost two hour trek on Trail 8! Meet the interpreter (who has his taxes done too!) at the historic Spring Shelter. Parking available above the shelter for those driving. DH

## Sunday April 15

- 8:00am **Sunday Morning Birding.** See 8:00am , Sunday, April 8, for details. BB



## Saturday April 21

- 10:00am **Kickin' & Pickin' Hike.** Tomorrow is Earth Day! Let's enjoy the park while doing a good deed by picking up trash. We'll meet at the Inn Main Entrance and hike along then main road, out to the entrance sign and back. We'll look out over wetlands, rolling woodlands, old road beds, and keep our eyes open for both wildlife and trash. We'll collect any trash up on side of the road and back on the other. Join us for some good exercise and good work. (total distance- 2.5 miles) FW
- 2:00pm **Tree ID Spree.** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short program on how to identify some common northeast Indiana trees. Join us! DH

## Sunday April 22

- 8:00am **Earth Day Early Morning Walk.** See 8:00am , Sunday, April 8, for details. FW

## Saturday April 28

- 2:00pm **Raptor Rap.** No, this is not some new kind of rap music, but rather an interesting discussion on this fascinating group of birds - the birds of prey. It will be a "show 'n' tell" type session using mounts and study skins. Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium. HM
- 8:00pm **Frogs In Love.** Bring ear protection and join the naturalist for a neat look at the frogs of Pokagon. The naturalist will have on his waders and we'll hike into the county road marsh for a frog "round up" of sorts! It's sure to be a great time for the entire family! BB

## Sunday April 29

- 8:00am **The Spring Migration.** See 8:00am, Sunday, April 8, for details. FW
- 10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of amazement! DH